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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 10/10/13
Complaint Number: 13-145157
Type of Incident: Fatal Accident
Reporting Officer: Deputy Kevin Daley
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Pete Gerkin

UPDATE: OCTOBER 11, 2013

On October 11, 2013, Joseph Jay Ford, 27, of Wyoming, Michigan was charged with two counts of Operating While Impaired (O.W.I.) Causing Death.

Joseph was arraigned in the 63rd District Court with a \$25,000 cash surety bond for each count (\$50,000 total).

His preliminary examination is tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2013.

ORIGINAL:

On 10-10-13 at 9:51pm a 3 vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Patterson Avenue and 36th St. in Cascade Township.

A vehicle driven by a 27 year old Wyoming man was traveling northbound on Patterson Avenue and collided with a westbound vehicle driven by a 23 year old Caledonia man with a 20 year old female passenger from Lowell. Both vehicles then collided with an eastbound semi-truck driven by a 50 year old man from Grand Rapids. Both occupants of the westbound vehicle died as a result of their injuries. The other drivers received non life-threatening injuries. The accident is still under investigation. Names and vehicle information will be released at a later time pending notification to the families.

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